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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MEASURING THE QUALITY OF
INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Applicant's counsel, Suneel Arora, thanks Examiner Clement Graham for extending the courtesy of telephonic interviews on September 7, 2007 and September 17, 2007. During these interviews, Applicant's counsel authorized and Examiner Graham agreed to enter the below amendments by Examiner's amendment. Examiner Graham agreed that such amendments would result in allowance of all the pending claims 1-16.

1. (Examiner's Amendment) A computer-assisted method for detecting content holes, comprising:

accessing a content body organized into a plurality of concept nodes to which content is selectively pre-tagged before receiving a user query as part of a service interaction, wherein the content body includes a first concept node;

determining a percentage of successful service interactions as a function of concept nodes; and

if the percentage of successful service interactions related to the first concept node is below a predefined threshold, flagging a content hole and presenting an indication of the flagged content hole to a user or a computerized process.

2. (Examiner's Amendment) A computer-readable medium having instructions that, when executed in a computer, detects content holes-by:

accessing a content body organized into a plurality of concept nodes to which content is selectively pre-tagged before receiving a user query as part of a service interaction, wherein the

content body includes a first concept node;

 determining a percentage of successful service interactions as a function of concept nodes; and

 if the percentage of successful service interactions related to the first concept node is below a predefined threshold, flagging a content hole and presenting an indication of the flagged content hole to a user or a computerized process.

6. (Examiner's Amendment) A computer-assisted method for detecting content holes, comprising:

 (a) accessing a content body organized into a plurality of concept nodes to which content is selectively pre-tagged before receiving a user query as part of a service interaction, wherein the content body includes a first concept node;

 (b) determining a percentage of successful service interactions (SSIs) as a function of concept nodes;

 (c) determining a percentage of queries as a function of concept nodes;

 (d) determining a percentage of documents as a function of concept nodes;

 (e) computing a content hole score for the first concept node as a function of at least one of (b), (c), and (d); and

 (f) flagging a content hole if the content hole score is below a predefined threshold and presenting an indication of the flagged content hole to a user or a computerized process.

7. (Examiner's Amendment) A computer-assisted method of charging for services, comprising:

 determining a ~~number~~ percentage of successful service interactions in an information retrieval system over a period of time; and

 billing as a function of the number of successful service interactions in the information retrieval system over the period of time.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, Suneel Arora, at (612) 373-6951 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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